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Today's Weather: Light north-east or east wind. Cloudy.
Temp. Observations: Barometric pressure, 1015.4 mbs. 30.06
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RECOGNITION CERTAIN— MANCHESTER GUARDIAN

**New
Plan For
Formosa**
Revitalising The
Administration

Taipei, Formosa, Dec. 13.—The first of a series of changes in the Chinese government's administrative machinery aimed at making Formosa secure internally as well as externally, is scheduled to be announced soon—probably within ten days.

The basic phases would remove the island's military chief, Gen. Chen Cheng, concurrently governor as well as over-all military commander, and put him into full-time military planning. Most prominently mentioned as civil governor is Mr. K. C. Wu, former mayor of Shanghai. Neither would discuss these prospects, but high-level Chinese officials indicated to the United Press that such a move is under consideration.

The new administrative programme plans to give Formosa higher administrative positions, but it is doubtful whether they will be given any policy-making positions. The revision of the Formosa administration is designed to remove conflicts between the provincial and central authorities, and give offices to such officials as will be given any policy-making positions. The revision of the Formosa administration is designed to remove conflicts between the provincial and central authorities, and give offices to such officials as will be given any policy-making positions.

K. C. Wu's prospects of landing this top administrative job were considerably improved by the departure from Formosa of Mr. Yu Ta-wei, former Minister of Communications, admitted one of the best administrative officials in Chinese history. Mr. Yu is now in Hongkong on his way to the United States where he is expected to help in the Central Government's new efforts to obtain U.S. aid—United Press.

Expresses Criticism Of U.S. Attitude

(Our Own Correspondent)

London, Dec. 13.—"Recognition by Britain of China's Communist Government is now certain. The problem is to concert the formal action of recognition with that by the rest of the Commonwealth, and perhaps other Western countries."

This is the view expressed by the Liberal independent Manchester Guardian in a lengthy leader today headed "Recognition."

The Guardian continues by pointing out that policy questions are not involved by recognition and neither is Britain trying to get a start over other countries in commercial relations with the new China, but recognising a government in such absolute mastery is ordinary international practice.

The Guardian criticises the United States attitude.

"In postponing recognition in the present circumstances it is aggressive, and not Britain, which is eccentric. Not having diplomatic relations with an important part of the world is intolerably inconvenient and dangerous. It makes the world more disorganised than need be."

The leader goes on to stress that there is no point in waiting for the United States and no great harm will come from disagreement over this issue between Britain and the United States.

SURPRISING NEWS

Although Liberal countries are not enthusiastic about China going Communist, some news items from China are surprisingly surprising. The cleaning up of corruption by the Communists is now a stock argument for Communist China. More important, the Communists spare lives.

"More and more middle-class Chinese feel surprised relief that they are not yet shot, and are ready to support the Communist Government as the only one left, at least for the present."

The Chinese Communist leaders seem willing for China to pass through its revolution by

The "Artful Dodger" Joins The Army



Anthony Newley, 18-year-old actor who made a name for himself as the "Artful Dodger" in the notable film "Oliver Twist," is now in the Army, and in this picture he is seen preparing to set out from his preliminary training battalion, RAOC, at Aldershot.

London Plunged Into Darkness

SUDDEN STRIKES CREATE A SERIOUS SITUATION

London, Dec. 13.—Unofficial strikes at four electrical power stations tonight plunged great areas of London into total darkness and set Christmas candles flickering.

The strikes threatened the city with serious transport, industrial and commercial dislocation. It was feared that if they spread further the national grid—the system which distributes power throughout Britain—might be affected.

Power workers at three stations stopped over a pay dispute and because servicemen were drafted in, workers at Barking—the biggest power station in Europe—also stopped work.

After giving less than three hours' notice 1,400 men at the Barking station, streamed out of the buildings and the 15 great chimneys ceased to belch smoke.

Almost simultaneously, lights went out in many London suburbs and electric trolley buses were brought to a standstill.

Shopkeepers and housewives fumbled in the dark to light up the decorative candles they had been reserving for Christmas.

Servicemen were drafted into Barking and others were tonight standing by. A committee of Cabinet Ministers was keeping continuous watch on the situation, and the Government was reported to be confident that it could sustain at all times a high percentage of normal output.

With Service help, it was expected to be possible to restore 100 percent output within about 12 hours of the breakdown.

CRANE DRIVERS' OUT

Crane drivers' unloading coal ships on the Thames River joined the strike tonight.

This afternoon the power output in London and Southern England fell to 80 percent of the average. In some areas it meant a complete blackout, interruption of factory work and of cinema shows, and transport breakdowns.

Some East London telephone exchanges carried on by candlelight.

Delegates from all 30 power stations in and around London were meeting tonight.

Earlier, some of London's underground trains were stopped in a nationwide five per cent electricity cut, which was made worse by last night's unofficial strike in three London power stations.

Naval ratings sent to the three

Burma Invaded By Chinese Reds

Troops "Warmly Welcomed" Near Yunnan Border

SITUATION RATED AS "OBSCURE"

London, Dec. 13.—A monitored broadcast from Toungoo in central Burma said that Chinese Communist forces have already entered Burma and been "warmly welcomed" at a town called Sima, located east of Bhamo in northern Burma, near the Yunnan border.

The Toungoo broadcast said that smaller Chinese Communist forces had crossed the border into Burma from Tonkin Province in Indo-China.

No official confirmation of these reports could be obtained in London. The situation on the Yunnan border with Burma was described as "obscure," but it is believed probable that there has been Chinese Communist infiltration into the Kachin Hills.

The Communists in Burma are said to have been "relatively inactive" during the last two months, possibly because they have been compelled to leave the fighting to other factions which have dissipated the strength of the Burmese Prime Minister Thakia Nu's army and police forces. Among the leaders of the Communist movement in Burma is the Indian, Goshal, who has contacts with both the Chinese and the Indian Communists.

Jerusalem Proclaimed A Capital By Israel

Tel-Aviv, Dec. 13.—Israel on Tuesday formally proclaimed Jerusalem its national capital, and the Israeli legislature voted unanimously to hold its next session there next week.

The Israel cabinet decided on the move after an all-night session which broke up only shortly before dawn on Tuesday.

The decision was announced by a terse Knesset (parliament) by the Israeli premier, Mr. David Ben-Gurion. Mr. Ben-Gurion told the Knesset that Israel had always considered Jerusalem its capital, and that the setting up of government offices in the Tel-Aviv suburb of Hakirya had been only "temporary."

He promised complete religious freedom, and said his government would continue to safeguard Jerusalem's holy places for all religions.

The Premier then told parliament that "there is nothing to prevent the Knesset from returning to Jerusalem. We propose that you take a decision to that effect."

Parliament voted unanimously to move from Tel-Aviv. It will hold its first session in Jerusalem after Hanukkah, "the Feast of Light," which Jews will observe this weekend.

Sees Bright Future For Trade

San Francisco, Dec. 13.—An exporter told the Maritime Commission today that when trade with North China is open again "I think we will do the greatest business with China in the history of West Coast shipping."

Mr. Harold Brown, senior partner of the Eastern Export Import Company of San Francisco, said that more requests for goods and information about shipping to and from North China were received in the past two months "than from the rest of the world during the last two years. They need everything everywhere."

Brown was the latest in a series of shippers asking the Commission to approve requests by the Pacific Transport Lines and the Pacific Far East Lines for operating subsidies from the Commission—United Press.

EDITORIAL

Two Politicians Speak

SENATOR Homer Ferguson and Congressman Fred Crawford recently spent a little time around the Far East, and Representative Crawford, in consequence of a few hours residence in Hongkong (plus, presumably some chats he had elsewhere along the line) has come to the conclusion that the United States is in bounden duty to assist in the defence of this Colony should we be attacked by Communists. This is a viewpoint that can be based either on emotion or as a result of the general military strategy governing Northeast and Southeast Asia. Representative Crawford appears to be motivated by the second consideration, and for this reason alone his viewpoint commands a degree of appreciation. What is a trifle bewildering is the inference that it is possible for any attack against Hongkong to remain an isolated incident—a purely local affair which, in itself, could not possibly have international repercussions. If Hongkong were to be attacked it would be the same as if the action had been directed against Okinawa or the Philippines; it would signal, not a local action between Hongkong and the Chinese Reds, but an international conflict between the Democracies and Communism, and, so far as this Colony's is concerned, United States assistance would be automatic. And the same precept applies to Britain in the event of a military assault against American territory in the Pacific. Mr. Crawford, therefore, would appear to be stating an accepted fact, rather than an opinion, when he refers to the United States being prepared to help to defend Hongkong. Nevertheless, his sentiments are accepted in the spirit in which they have been advanced. Republican Senator Homer Ferguson advances rather more revolutionary ideas. He thinks American troops should be expended on the saving

of Formosa from the Chinese Communists; by implication this means on behalf of the Chinese Nationalists. It is a daring proposition to put before his own countrymen, for while they may be willing enough, if the time should ever come, to rally round the banner of Democracy for Democracy's sake, it is highly questionable whether they would be prepared to fight any further battles for a regime which is now nothing more than a refugee government—especially a government that has abjectly failed to carry out its fundamental obligations to the people. The Nationalists arouse the ire of their own countrymen, and others, because of the manner in which they have let the people down; they have discredited themselves by their own actions and inactions—their birthright, the confidence of the nation, has been sold. And it is impossible to believe that Americans will subscribe to the idea that their manhood and their money should be sacrificed in order to save a regime that has lost its entitlement to survival. Nor is it feasible to suggest that any declaration by the United States that, pending a peace treaty, Formosa is regarded as still a part of the Japanese empire, will deter the Chinese Communists from endeavouring to capture this island stronghold. The Cairo and Potsdam agreements make this impracticable because Formosa has, in fact, been delivered back to the Chinese, and the government of the day, whatever it be, is going to hold tenaciously to the territory. The realities of the situation in China and her neighbouring countries demands a new strategical conception on the part of American and other Western powers. This must be worked out to embrace the control of Formosa by Chinese Communists.

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FISHING SMACKS LOST IN STORM

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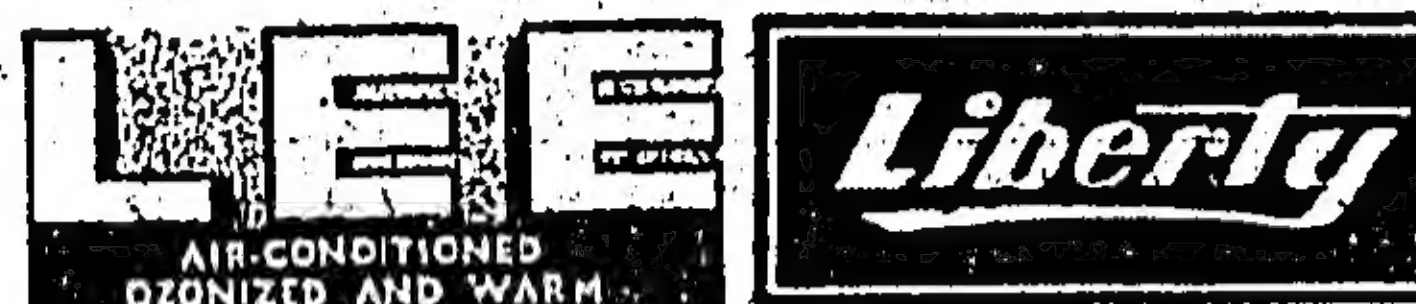
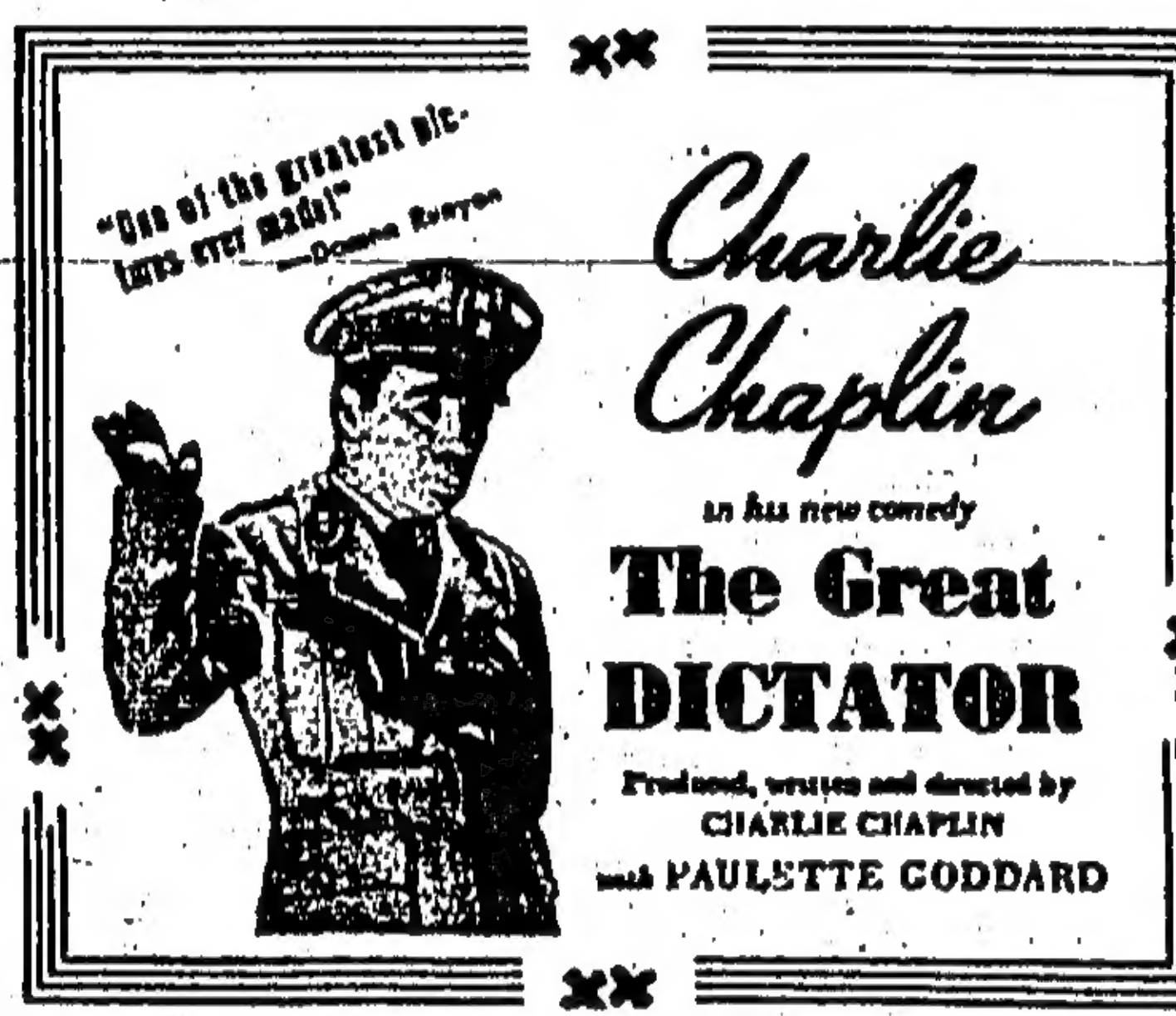
Rescue ships had by tonight brought back only 11 survivors out of crews totalling 75—United Press.

Tears In Court

Nicosia, Cyprus, Dec. 13.—Sixteen men burst into tears or shouted in protest today when Judge Griffiths Williams sentenced them to jail for unlawful assembly and political rioting last May 22.

Friends and relatives joined in the shouting when the sentences, ranging from six months to two years, were announced, and the court had to be cleared—Associated Press.

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WOMANSENSE

by SUSAN DEACON

How to choose your
'odd skirt'THE most indispensable
part of any
woman's wardrobe—
whatever her age—is the
odd skirt.The old idea of a "jum-
per and skirt" being dowdy
has been completely dis-
pelled.Teamed up with a well-
chosen blouse or jumper and
worn out of doors with a
finger-tip jacket, a suitable
skirt is useful and fashionable.Unsuitable
choiceBut, in spite of the
varied selection of at-
tractive and inexpensive
skirts in the shops, many women
make the most un-
suitable choice when
buying a skirt, both
in style and material.One sees too many
button-through skirts wrinkled
and straining at every button, or
not-so-slim women adding
inches to their hips by wearing
the wrong style or large check
overall patterns.
Another skirt fault common
to the younger set, trying to
look slimmer is to wear their
skirts skin tight.
They certainly look slim
from the front, but the side
view, after sitting at an office
desk for a few days, is not what
they set out to achieve—for the
seam has sagged.

Pencil-slim

At the moment, the most
popular skirt is the narrow
pencil-slim skirt. It looks
especially smart worn with a
swing back or boxy jacket.
(Never wear a boxy jacket with
a flared skirt.)
Many of these narrow skirts
have two box pleats, or fanpleats at the centre back, and
are quite plain at the front.
The all-round pleated skirt is
also popular, and looks
attractive. But remember,
when buying an all-round
pleated skirt that you will have
to pay much to have it repeated
when it is cleaned.The button-through skirt is
becoming popular again. I saw
an attractive grey flannel skirt
in this style, slightly flared.
For the average-sized woman
I found an attractive black and
white flannel skirt in a
large over-check.The material is soft and
warm and has a light weave
which will not sit out.

For wide hips

For the teen-ager I chose the
all-round pleated skirt in
tangerine-coloured soft wool.
It would look attractive worn
with a black sweater. The 3-in.

All-round pleats

These side pleats on the other-
wise straight line give a
good slimming effect.
Bigger women should avoid
tummy pleats, thick bulky
material and all-round flared
skirts.If you must have all-round
pleats, have them stitched
smoothly down over the hips
and flaring from the knees.
Skirts in this style in a hard-
wearing green and raisin-
coloured tweed are now in the
shops.The handbag in Sketch No. 3
can easily be made at home.
The polished gilt expanding
clasp can be made into an even-
ing or day bag. It could be
made in grosgrain, velvet, satin,
or jersey.

(London Express Service)

Wife, Star And
ProducerHERBERT WILCOX has
formed a new independent
film company in Britain—
Artists' Alliance Corporation—
with his wife, Anna Neagle,
and Michael Wilding as co-
directors and producers. It will
be "unfettered by the control of
any distributing or exhibiting
organisation," and the pictures
will be aimed at a world
market. Mr Wilcox is negotiat-
ing for an exchange of artists
and ideas with the United
States, and he hopes to produce
days in London and New York
in association with American
producers. He is also consider-
ing offers by American televi-
sion companies for the show-
ing of plays and films. Both
Miss Neagle and Mr Wilding
will make their own films, un-
der Mr Wilcox's supervision.
First actor to star in one of the
new company's pictures will be
Trevor Howard, star of "Brief
Encounter" and one of the lead-
ing actors in "The Third Man."

Effective Use of Ribbon



By ALICE ADEN

HATS are going in for lots of trimming this season. It is
seen on models designed for general or casual day wear right
through to late afternoon and evening hats. So a well-
handled ribbon trimming looks new and handsome especially
when handled by a master milliner. Robert Dudley makes
pompous hats into beautiful ones to trim this, "Discreetly
back of the head, of narrow brim, and high crown. The
mainline gloves repeat the hat motif and make a smart
necessary ensemble."A Display Of
Antique
Court JewelsTHERE was displayed recently
in the United States an his-
toric-valued collection of an-
tique jewels, many represent-
ing the personal property of
royalty; it reveals in their de-
signs prime examples of the
craftsmanship that was em-
ployed during the 18th and 19th Cen-
tury. The collection, priced
from \$100 to \$9,000, has been
collected expressly for an or-
ganisation, and is part of that
store's personal exhibit of an-
tique jewels.

Designed by Fabergé

Some of the handiwork
pieces displayed are those
designed by Fabergé, who is
said to have created more court
jewels than any other artist.
Typical of these designs
that bear his signature is the
small box made of agate, which
was presented to the late
Russian Czarina by her brother,
Kaiser Wilhelm. The small box
is carved out of one piece of
agate, the lid is encrusted with
gold, rose diamonds and a
centre green diamond of 0.34
carats. It is priced at \$9,000.
Displayed are the 18-kt. gold
opera glasses set with rubies,
apples and diamonds, and for
the men, an 18-kt. gold cigar
holder of corrugated pattern
that is moulded to the size of a
long cigar.
Still in the realm of ac-
cessories for men is the beau-
tiful snuff box that was once in
the possession of Ludwig, the
mad king of Bavaria. The box
is of chased gold, sprinkled with
diamonds, with the diamond
signature of Ludwig sprawled
across a blue enamel plaque.

Marie Antoinette's

Many of Marie Antoinette's
personal treasures are exhibited,
all light and flattery, bearing
the initials of the queen in tiny
rubies and diamonds, or encased
with the French fleur de lis.
Her cigarette case of gold leaf
bears her initials, while the
three glass perfume flacons
which she reserved for her hair
costumes hold large stone tops.
More Oriental in feeling, are
the Persian turquoise necklaces
moulded in a snake shape, the
ribbon of inlaid gold that is
clasped with two turquoise
studded balls, and the "moon"
necklace, a crescent-shaped
three-hinged necklace that is
coloured with enamel flowers
on one side, and inlaid with
pearls, coral and topaz in the
tradition of Jaipur jewellery on
the other.

Leg Care And Exercise

Whether you wear bobby socks or not, silky hose on the legs is un-
sightly. Use a good depilatory, which can be washed off easily.

By HELEN FOLLETT

If a girl is going to wear
bobby socks—and most of the
teen-agers do, all the year
round—it behooves her to keep
her legs in condition. How
many times one sees those tiny
points, called goose
pimples, for want of a better
name! They can be banished
by cosmetic attention. The flesh
should be scrubbed with soap
suds and a heavy brush, rinsed,
dried and a cream applied.
Often a semi-liquid, milky
hand lotion will create a clear,
smooth surface. A friction once
in a while with borated talcum
will condition the skin so that it
will be more presentable.A growth of silky fuzzers on
the legs is a handicap to good
appearance. A depilatory can
be used to remove them. Or,
one can buy a tiny safety razor
made especially for the mem-
bers of the frail sex. It isn't
likely that shaving will make
the growth any thicker or
heavier, and certainly some-
thing has to be done about it.Thick ankles are no beauty
bargain. If bulk is due to large
bones, nothing will avail in the
way of treatment. But, if the
excess measurement is due to
an accumulation of fat cells as
sometimes happens, get busy
and roll them away. Apply a
heavy cream to give resistance
to the fingers, pinch, hammer
and press deeply into the flesh.
Walking tip-toe is recom-
mended as a leg reducer. So is
high kicking. A good exercise,
one that will diminish the size
of the thighs as well as the
calves and ankles is this one:
Stand tall, abdomen held in,
head balanced, chest high,
backbone stretched to the limit,
arms straight out at the sides
on a line with the shoulders.Lower the body slowly until
your buttocks rest on your
heels. Lift the body slowly, go
up on the toes, then down to
the heels. These movements
give the muscles a work out;
and, on strong muscles, fat cells
will not linger.

Good Ways to Save Eggs

"HAVE you noticed, Chef,
that we have been featur-
ing desserts that call for only
one egg, or for none at all?"
"Out, Madame. And it is
very helpful for the budget be-
cause eggs are now very ex-
pensive and the average family
must be economical about their
use. For example, You buy
a dozen eggs that will
give you a breakfast
luncheon for 4 persons of one
egg apiece, for three times
during the week. This they
will appreciate, because they
see the eggs; so they know they
are eating them.""And Chef, if that dozen eggs
is used in making fancy
desserts, cakes and pies; they
will not realise they are having
eggs because they are invisible,
mixed among the other in-
gredients.""Then, Madame, for baking
and desserts we can use the
inferior grade eggs which are
much less expensive."

Loss Expensive

"During the spring and
summer, when eggs are more
plentiful and less expensive, we
would have used more eggs and
fewer crumbs. In making the
Honey-Crumb Custard, and
more eggs and less sweet potato
in making the Sweet-Potato
Raisin Nut Pudding. It is the
matter of the know-how. We
must adapt our recipes to the
cost of eggs.""Cereals can be used partly
in place of eggs in custard
puddings. For instance if a recipe
calls for 1 cup of cooked rice
and 3 eggs, you can use 1 egg
and 1 1/2 cups of rice, or 2 cups
cooked oatmeal or farina. Or
you can use mashed sweet
potato or pumpkin. You don't
have quite the same dessert, and
it doesn't have the same nutri-
tive value, but the family would
much rather have the eggs for
breakfast than hidden in a
pudding. If you are making
soft custard that calls for 2
eggs, one can be used with 1
teaspoon cornstarch beaten with
it. This does about the same
thing to the custard.""Of course, Madame, when it
comes to fine quality, there is
nothing better than fine eggs.
But when it comes to the bud-
get, then necessity becomes the
mother of invention."

Dinner

Egg Plant Soup Croquettes
Holland Hot Pot
Beets with Mint Sauce
Sweet Potato Nut-and-Raisin
Pudding
Coffee or Tea Milk (Children)
Include enriched bread or rolls
with butter or margarine.All Measurements Are Level
Recipes Serve FourEgg Plant Soup
Brown 1/2 lb. fat soup meat
in 1 tbs. meat fat. Then add
1/4 lb. lean soup beef. Pour
over 2 c. boiling water and add
2 tps. salt and 1/4 tsp. pepper.
Cover and simmer 1 1/2 hrs. At
the end of 30 min. peel and add
1 lb. tender carrots; 4 large
quartered white potatoes and
10 small onions. Do not add
any more water to the cooking
meat unless absolutely neces-
sary. When done the hot pot
should be practically dry. So
better cook the last 15 min.
with an asbestos mat under-
neath. To serve, transfer the
meat to a hot platter. Mash all
the vegetables together and
serve, dusted with minced
parsley. (The fat in the meat
seasons the vegetables.)
Sweet Potato, Nut-and-Raisin
Pudding
Boil or pressure-cook 3
medium-sized or 4 small sweet
potatoes. Peel and put through
the potato ricer. Add 2 c.
fresh milk (or use reconstituted
evaporated or dried skim milk);
1/2 c. sugar, 1 beaten egg, 1/8
tsp. ginger, 1/2 tsp. cinnamon, 1/2
tsp. allspice, 1/2 tsp. salt, 1/4
c. small raisins, and 1/4 c. fine-
chopped, nutmeats, any kind.
Transfer to a shallow, but-
tered, or margarine-lined, bak-
ing dish; bake about 35 min. in a
moderate oven; 350° F., until
firm in the centre and golden
brown on top. Serve plain, or
with thin plain sauce.Suggestion of the Chef
Mint Sauce has many uses. It
is good not only with roast
lamb but very nice to season hot
beets, carrots or cabbage. It is
a good plan to keep some on
hand. To make, combine 1/3
c. minced fresh mint leaves (or
use 2 tbs. dried mint), with
1 1/2 tbs. sugar, 1/8 c. vinegar,
2 tbs. water, 1/4 tsp. salt, a few
grains pepper and 1/4 tsp.
ground juice. Cover and let
stand at least 1 hr. before
using. For a richer sauce, 1
tsp. salad oil may be added.
In this case it is very good
with sliced tomatoes, cold slaw
or vegetable stew.

PICTORIAL NEWSFRONT



HEAVY DEW—Rolling in from the Pacific Ocean, and almost obscuring the Golden Gate Bridge in San Francisco, is part of the heaviest fog of the season. In the background are hills and buildings of the California city, but the fog completely covers Alcatraz Island.



ODD MATERIAL—Frank and Betty Dutt, sculptors in Chicago—find pure lard an easy thing to work with. They are making figures of a giant hog and piglets for the 50th Anniversary International Livestock Show in the windy city.



HANDLE WITH CARE—Police Commissioner William O'Brien, centre, and assistants examine rifles and other contraband, later dumped overboard from a tug in New York harbour. The load included souvenir pistols, revolvers and machine guns weighing a total of 13 tons.



FOSTER PARENT—When a mother lion refused to nurse her week-old cub in Orangeburg, South Carolina, Snowball, a white spitz, took over the job. Patricia Ann White is visiting the happy family and is delighted to see that the adopted child nurses contentedly along with Snowball's own babies.



EASY TO BELIEVE—After signing a film contract in Hollywood, model Georgia Clancy starts climbing to fame as the "Swim Suit Siren Most Likely to Succeed."



GIFTS—Indira, left, an elephant presented to the children of Japan by India's Prime Minister, Jawaharlal Nehru, and Hanako, a 'baby' elephant from Siam, share a cage in the zoo in Tokyo. Because most animals were killed during the war, they are the only elephants in the zoo.



CAUGHT IN THE ACT—Little Sheran Rech, aged two, got caught redhanded in her parents' kitchen in Chicago. She had been raiding the 'ice box' and had jam spread all over her hands and face. No further explanation was necessary.



CUTTING A FIGURE—Helga Dudzinski, 20, shows the ice skating form which won the 1948 German Youth Championship for her. The pretty resident of Munich began skating at the age of seven.



FOUR IN HAND—These quads display different moods after their mother, Mrs Taylor, popped them into a playpen at an exhibition in London. The object of the exhibition was to educate mothers and anyone concerned in child welfare.

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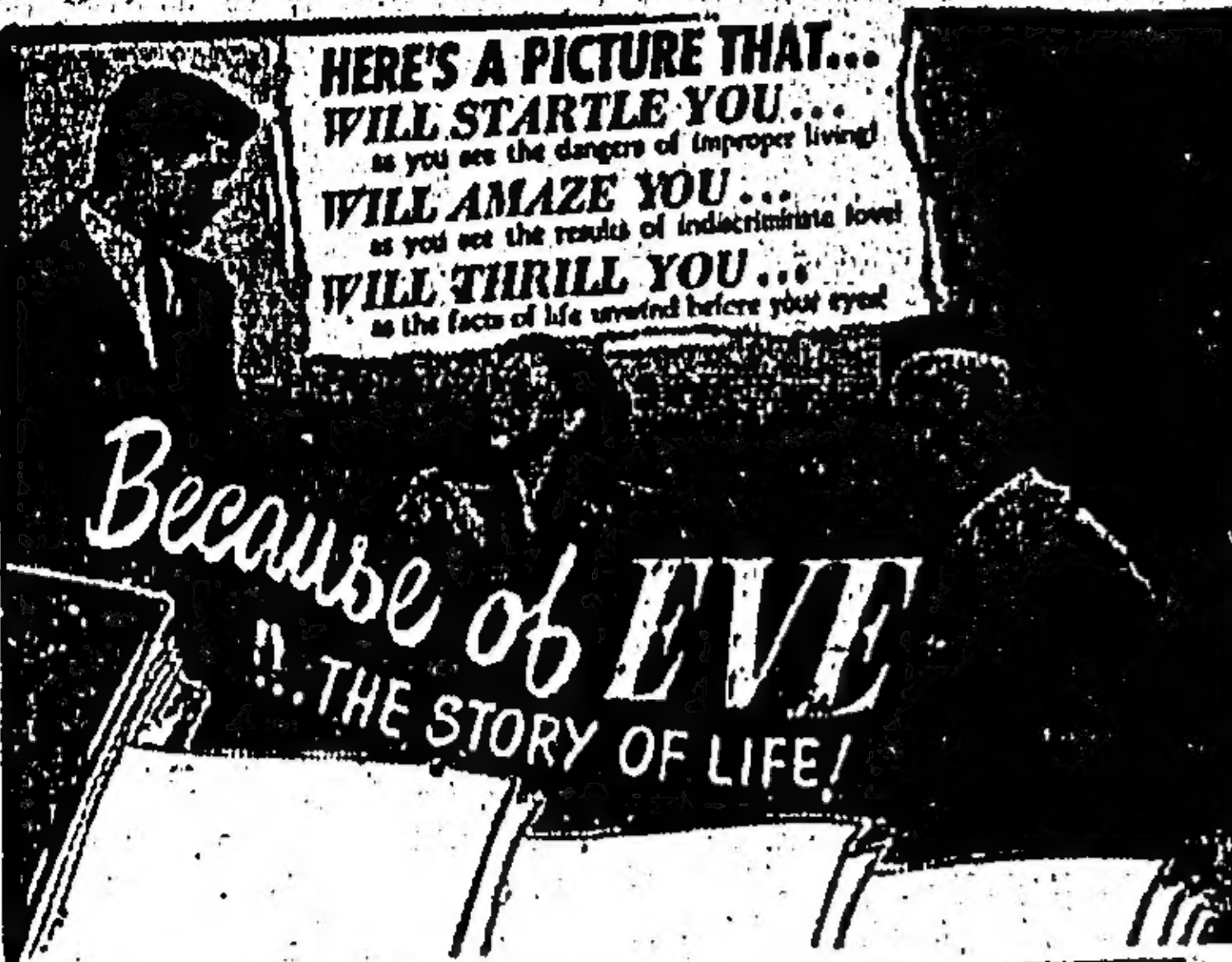
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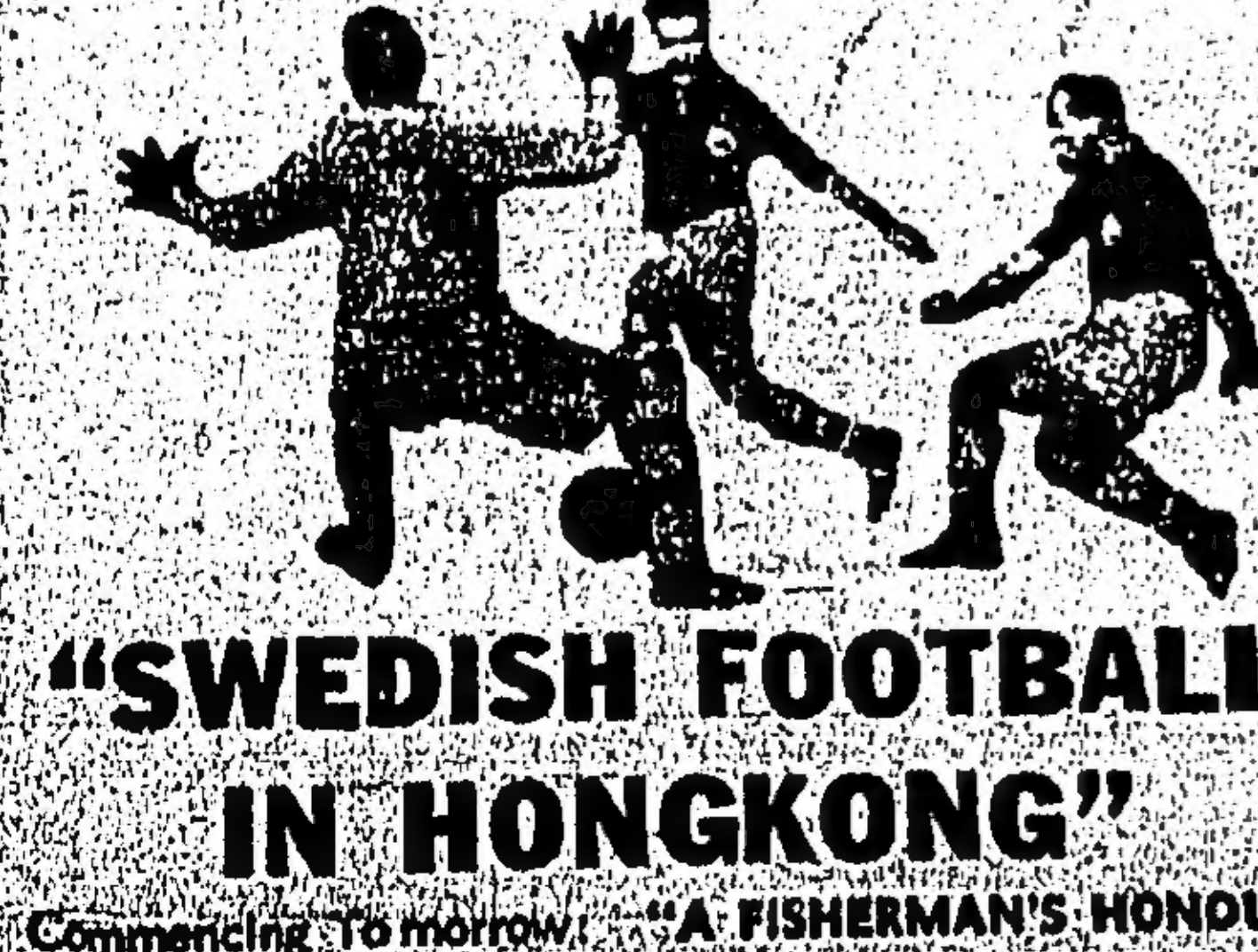
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Sitting on the Fence.... by

NATHANIEL GUBBINS

EIGHTY-YEAR-OLD English actor A. E. Matthews, starring in the British Broadway hit "Yes, M'Lud," said of New Yorkers:—
"I watch people eat in restaurants here and they all look ill and overfed."

Brother, eat your steaks and chops. Drawn yourself in malt and hops. Swallow roast beef by the ton if you think you're having fun. Stuff it down, you're in a hurry. Indigestion? We should worry. Britons do not give a dam if you choke yourself with ham; if you pavements of New York are made of solid slabs of pork.

We in Britain are not bitter. On our rations we are fatter. Though our food is not so tasty. Complexions here are not so pasty. Reared on starch and fish and chips. Pauperised by Stafford Cripps. Full of toast and margarine. Our limpid eyes remain serene. Fit we are, and straight and proud. Our faces ruddy but undowd.

Brother, do not feel a louse Halfway through that porter-house. Roasts and chicken, Southern, fried. We regard as suicide. Too much turkey in November. Finished Uncle Al—remember? Hot corn bread and corned beef hash. Brought on Elmer's fatal rash. Many dishes on the side—

That's how little Oils died. Whereas (despite atomic fears) We may live a hundred years.

But if you ask us "Live for what?" You've said a mouthful. Thanks a lot.

Advice on marriage

SO many persons have been giving advice on marriage lately that the Rev. Nat Gubbins (the looks as if he was born married) sees no reason why he shouldn't offer the benefit of his long experience to an eager public.

LOVE: Apart from a term used in lawn tennis, this is something you believe in during your engagement, do not believe in after your honeymoon, and hope to believe in when you are old.

SEX: Don't believe him when he says he loves you for your mind alone. He's a liar.

SECRETS: If a man, keep your bank account secret. If a woman, you will naturally keep everything secret except other people's business.

RELATIONS: Admit from the start that all your rela-

to build big houses next to little houses in the new towns?

"No idea."

"Because they wanted to shuffle the population pack in such a way that there would be a majority of Socialist votes in every constituency. And what does that mean? At every election Socialism every time. For all time. So don't you talk to me about democracy."

"I tell you, if they get in next time they'll be in for good. Gutter-snipe Government. First a one-party gutter-snipe Government. Then a one-man gutter-snipe Government. One dirty little gutter-snipe with the power of Genghis Khan. The end of free elections. End of free speech. End of free Press. End of everything. Finish. Good-bye."

CHILDREN: Don't be too proud of loving your own children. You share your emotions with lions, tigers, snakes and rats.

In the train

"Well, I suppose you can see what they're up to now?"

"Who?"

"The Government. More tea for Christmas. More for Christmas. More this. More that. Do you suppose they care if you have more tea and bacon for Christmas?"

"So long as they can fill their stomachs in the House of Commons and have free lunches and dinners and cocktail parties in London, they don't care if you have stale bread and lard for your Christmas dinner."

"Don't they?"

"They're no fools. The General Election's not far off. It's your vote they want."

"Is it?"

"No wonder they grumbled about the food at the Lord Mayor's banquet. Turtle soup and roast pheasant isn't good enough for them. Oh dear no. Not for beggars on horseback. Who was the man in the Army who grumbled most about the food?"

"I don't remember."

"Well, you ought to. It was the man who was used to nothing at home. The man who was dragged out of the slums and shoved into khaki, not the gentleman volunteer who left a good home to serve his country in the tanks. You never heard a gentleman grumbling. But what can you expect when they're not gentlemen? You can't make a silk purse out of a sow's ear, can you?"

"And that's why we're getting more food for Christmas. That's why they're compromising on steel. To get your vote. Because they're not gentlemen. You wouldn't find a gentleman playing vote-catching tricks."

"Wouldn't you?"

"And if they get in next time you've had it. And I've had it. We've all had it. Why do you think they wanted

A Mother's kisses... DOES THAT SOUND A STRANGE TOPIC FOR THE CHAPMAN-PINCHER COLUMN?

THAT bothersome blemish, the "cold sore," which so often cones up just when glamour matters most, is almost always caused by kissing, doctors have decided.

But for beautiful girls—and bachelors—their blushing-saver that whatever your age when a cold sore appears, the odds are you got it when kissing your mother.

The blemishes are caused by a virus—an ultra-microscopic germ—which most of us catch when we are babies and never get rid of.

Generally the germ lives quietly in the lips, giving no trouble. But when we are slightly run down it may assert itself sufficiently to cause a patch of inflammation.

After the first attack the blood quickly produces protective anti-bodies. These keep the germ in check, preventing the dangerous skin damage which can do rabbits and other animals. But they cannot kill the invader.

The existence of such a delicate balance between bitter and bitten and the fact that the germ is so widespread—only a few Eskimo tribes are free from it—suggest that the cold sore may be man's oldest affliction.

When it first attacked primitive peoples it was probably as dangerous as some forms of flu germs are now. But through thousands of generations a workable amity has been arranged.

Beauty Spot: As with most other virus complaints—such as infantile paralysis and smallpox—no drug has been found which can kill the germ. Best treatment for a cold sore, doctors say is to leave it alone.

EXPLOSIVE

★ AN INGENUOUS portable machine for liquefying gases, invented by Russian scientist FETTER KAPITZA, is being mass-produced for issue to the Red Army and Air Force. I understand.

From free raw material—the air—it could provide on-the-spot supplies of liquid oxygen for two purposes:—
1. Fueling rockets, as V-2 was fuelled.
2. Boosting the blast effect of T.N.T. and other explosives.

Woolwich Arsenal experts agree with Russian claims that mixing T.N.T. with liquid oxygen greatly increases its explosive power. But they point out that a third ingredient would be essential to stabilise the mixture sufficiently to make it safe to handle.

Inquiries show that the Russians are stock-piling just such a substance, called hydroquinone.

THE PORPOISE

★ A RELIABLE report of a modern Jonah has reached me—a Florida woman was on the point of going down in deep water when she was gently lifted up and nudged ashore by a large porpoise.

After considering witnesses' close-range descriptions of the

family. His object—another exclusive interview with Stalin.

NEW CATCHWORD The Republicans have coined to dramatise their argument that President Truman's "Socialism" will bankrupt the nation—"We are headed to become a poor-house State."

CHEAPER CARS are promised by Detroit for next spring's buying season. Basically the spring models will be similar to today's, but according to the manufacturers they will be "un-deluxed." If a customer wants all the gadgets he will have to pay extra.

HOLLYWOOD is pouring out all its best pictures before the year-end deadline in an effort to recapture the Academy

rescue, scientists have ruled out the possibility that altruism motivated the bear.

The sight of a sinking body merely drove it to practise the instinctive act of supporting its ailing young at the surface, they say.

THE BEAR

★ MORE DIFFICULT to explain, without involving intelligence, is the case of the limping bear at the Dudley Zoo, just reported by veterinary surgeon COLONEL DAVID ANTHONY.

When a long-established limp—which brought the bear specially sympathetic treatment from the bun-throwing public—did not clear up, Anthony was called in.

His examination of the anaesthetised animal showed no possible cause for lameness. When returned to its pit after regaining consciousness—the bear walked normally and has done so ever since.

It seems that the bear—perhaps once genuinely lame for a brief spell—had learned the tear-jerking value of a good theatrical limp. Under the anaesthetic it "forgot" this useful association of ideas.

BABOON PEST

★ KENYA COLONISTS, who cashed in on the famine for leopard-skin coats 15 years ago, are giving a costly lesson on the dangers of carelessly tilling Nature's knife-edged balance.

Baboons and bush-pigs, formerly kept in check by leopards, are now doing immense damage to crops.

"We are paying dearly for not protecting the only natural enemy of these pests—two of the most destructive animals in the world," Game Warden CAPTAIN A. D. RITCHIE has reported to U.N.O.

"It will be several generations before the re-established protection of the leopard and all-in warfare against baboon and bush-pig redress the balance."

WORM'S LIFE

★ THE INTIMATE life of that fisherman's friend the lugworm in its burrow between the tide-marks has just been investigated by G. F. WELLS, zoologist son of the late H. G.

Though he much prefers research on science to writing about it, his technical report has the humorous Wellstan touch.

He ends his description of an intricate mechanical device he built for recording lugworm movements: "Thus most of the time the worms were left to write their own stories."

DO YOU KNOW?

★ TEN-SECOND QUIZ: What do fishermen call male and female lobsters? (a) bucks and does, (b) cocks and hens, (c) hes and shes, or (d) bulls and cows?

ANSWER: (b).

—(London Express Service)

C.V.R. Thompson Reports The American Scene

NEW YORK. family. His object—another exclusive interview with Stalin.

BATHING SUIT manufacturers chose the year's coldest day to show off their next summer's beach fashions. I thought I detected a trend back to the bathing dress days. Shoulders and legs still show, but not so much of either. And the French-style suit is out together. Neither the girls nor the men would have it. I was told.

ORDERS are on their way to farmers to cut back next year's crops of tobacco (because Britain is not buying enough) and of groundnuts (because there is already a surplus of fats and oils).

OFF TO RUSSIA next year goes Elliott Roosevelt. He is the writing member of the

award from Britain. But Hollywood is worried that too many tipsters are predicting the winner will be "The Fallen Idol."

HOUSEWIVES have found a new champion. Poking fun at all the talk about pensions for everyone, Senator Owen Brewster complained that he one had thought of pensions for America's 40,000,000 housewives. "And," he added, "they work the longest hours, under the greatest strain, for the lowest pay of anyone in the country."

FOR THE FIRST TIME since Henry Ford started making them, the new season Ford's do not bear that name in simple script at the front of their bonnets. Now they have an "ancient" coat-of-arms.

NANCY Turning Over an Old Leaf



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Asian Women's Conference In Full Swing

San Francisco, Dec. 13.—The Asian Women's Conference is now in full swing in the Chinese Communist capital of Peking, a Communist broadcast reported tonight.

The delegates of several overseas countries are attending the conference, which has heard lengthy reviews of the roles women are playing in the various fields of public life in those countries.

Recognition Certain

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"The Communist victory is one phase of the Chinese revolution started in 1911. The Emperor and the Mandarinate were discarded when all the old institutions of government broke down under the impact of the West. China's first experiment was with a rather shoddy copy of the Western democratic system, but the system worked no better than the traditional one and was discarded.

"China is now trying the institutions of Communism. In a sense the Communist success has been precipitated, not so much by economic causes, as by the need to find workable political institutions to replace the old ones."

In an article by Professor Fei Hsiao-tung, a most distinguished anthropologist and well-known in England it is seen how the institutions of Communism may become acceptable to educated China.

The Manchester Guardian quotes from this article which appeared in a Chinese journal. Professor Fei stayed in England for three months in 1947. He thought that while there was little democracy in the United States, the situation in Britain was much better and democracy there could be considered almost fully established.

NOT REAL THING

But, he says, "what I found in America and England looked like, but wasn't the real thing. But what I learned at the recent People's Conference at Peking in six days exceeded all the knowledge I acquired on the subject during the previous six years."

He tells how he found a multitude of people in all types of dress in the Assembly Hall. This was the first time in his life he had seen such a cosmopolitan crowd assembled together. These people didn't come from elections held among the populace and formally did not satisfy the conditions of democracy he had known previously.

"But could any representative body like this one be produced in Britain or the United States? What existed was harmony and a warmth of friendship."

He realised how democracy and dictatorship could be blended together because "obviously the reactionaries had been disarmed and their activities suppressed. This was dictatorship. But only because of such a dictatorship could we have democracy in our conference hall."

The French concludes by saying "by such reasoning probably the greater part of China's more idealistic intelligentsia is now reconciling itself to the new system."

Three Girls Die In Train Crash

Stockholm, Dec. 13.—The Malmo Express roared out of the wintry dusk at 65 miles an hour today and killed three "Queens of Light." The queens were blondes chosen to take part in the annual Swedish Festival of Light, held on December 13, when, according to tradition, the sun gets ready for its return journey northward.

The three girls, 17, 18 and 20 years of age, were in the back of a car when it was hit at a level crossing in the town of Norrköping.

The driver and two girls in the front seat escaped death as the locomotive's snowplough struck the rear of the vehicle and carried it in a tangled mass down the track.

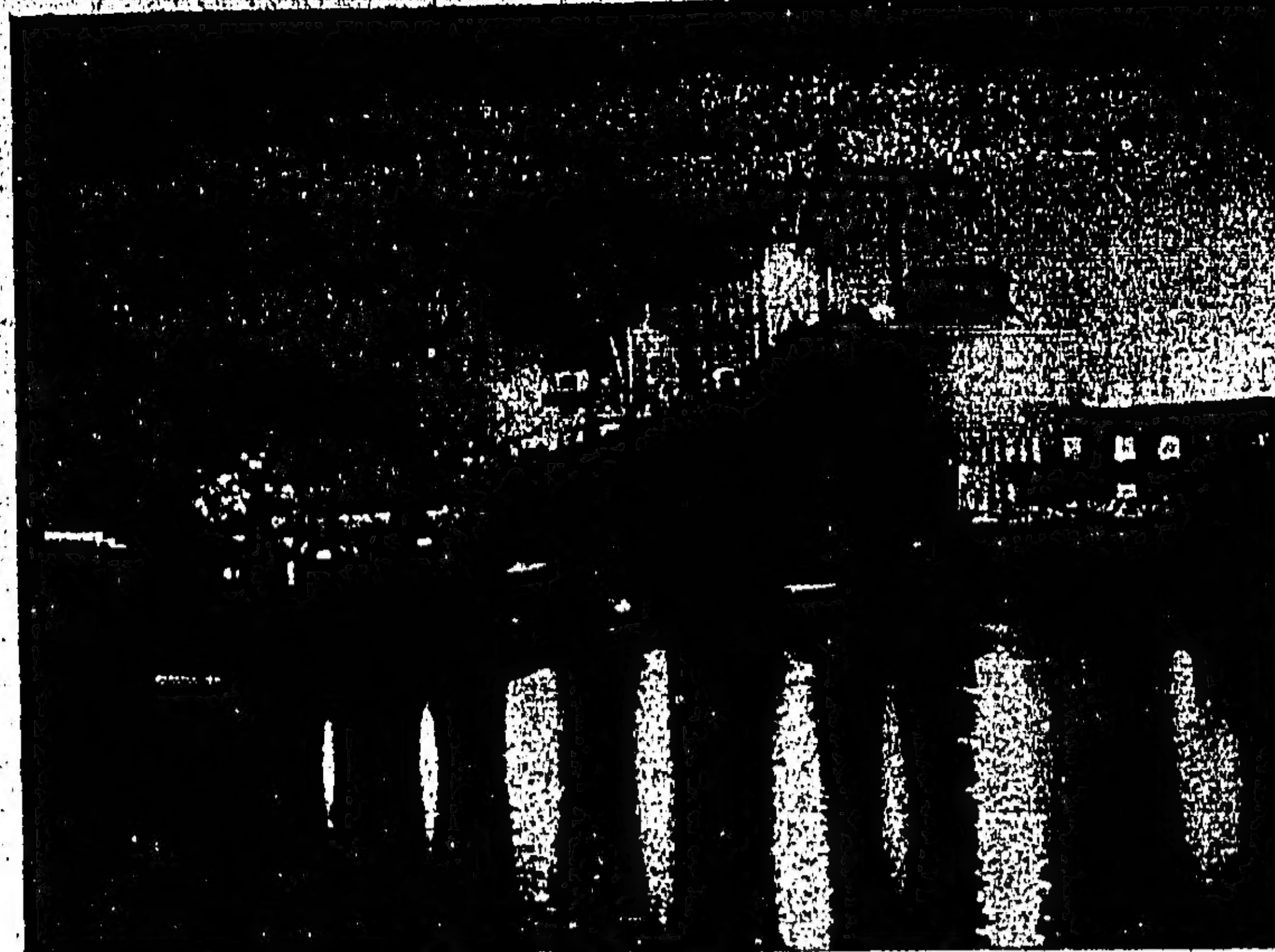
Lighted candles stuck in the head-dresses of the five girls were scattered over the line. The signal man at the crossing said: "The girls screamed and their driver accelerated. He was not fast enough."—Reuter.

GERMAN POW IN RUSSIA

Bonn, Dec. 13.—Russia is still detaining 400,000 German prisoners of war as well as a large proportion of 150,000 civilian internees and 125,000 women, a spokesman of the German Federal Government announced.

About 100,000 former members of the German armed forces were sent to other countries—Reuter.

Overtime At London Docks



The gleaming lights of late working cargo ships are here reflected in the Thames, as crew and dockers work overtime discharging Christmas cargo. On the right is the CPR ship as Beaver Cove from Canada. A tug waits to pass through the Connaught cutting, at the Royal Docks, London.

Russia Uses Veto In Security Council

Lake Success, Dec. 13.—Russia cast her 42nd veto in the United Nations Security Council today to defeat a resolution congratulating the countries participating in the recent round-table conference at The Hague and welcoming the establishment of the United States of Indonesia which emerged from it.

Mr Semyon Tsarapkin, the Soviet delegate, cast the veto on the first part of the resolution, proposed by Canada. He followed immediately with Russia's 43rd veto on the second part of the measure, thus killing it in its entirety.

The first portion of the Canadian motion had been approved nine to two, but General A. G. L. McNaughton, of Canada, declared that Mr Tsarapkin's negative vote constituted a veto.

The second veto killed a paragraph of the resolution in which the UN Commission for Indonesia was asked to continue its functions and assist the Netherlands and Indonesia to implement their agreement.

Despite the rejection of this paragraph, General McNaughton said, the Commission continued to exist under previous Security Council resolutions.

"SADDENED"

General McNaughton said he was "saddened by the fact that apparently the Soviet Union does not welcome agreements by peaceful means, nor does she welcome the emergence of an independent Indonesian Republic."

Mr Tsarapkin replied that he could not approve an agreement which he said "put the Indonesian people into trouble from which they are not likely to free themselves."

Russia charged that the Hague agreement had returned the people of Indonesia to Dutch colonial rule.

Opposing the Canadian resolution was one by the Ukraine, which rejected the Commission report and ordered the appointment of a new Commission to reopen the whole question. This resolution was

supported by Russia, India, Cuba, Egypt, Belgium, Burma, the United Kingdom, France, Argentina and the United States—favoured the Canadian resolution.

NEW CHAPTER

Sir Benegal Rama Rau (India) said that, while much had yet to be done by all parties concerned, the Netherlands had clearly decided to "open a new chapter" in its relations with Indonesia and deserved to be congratulated.

Dr Carlos Blanco (Cuba) said the agreement represented an "historical event of considerable importance" for the United Nations as well as for the parties concerned.

U S Nyum (Burma) denounced the Ukrainian resolution as nothing but "mischievous."

Mr Ernest Gross (United States) called the Indonesian agreement a "substantial contribution to the advancement of the purposes and principles of the Charter."

However, Mr Tsarapkin declared that the Hague agreement warranted "real anxiety" as to the fate of the Indonesian people. He said the collapse of Japan had not brought an opportunity for the Indonesian people to get rid of colonialism forever, but Anglo-American colonialism had prevented this from coming true, as it had done also in Malaya, Indo-China, Sarawak and elsewhere.

CADOGAN'S APPEAL

The British had been the first to send troops to Indonesia after the war, Mr Tsarapkin charged, and these troops had busied themselves, not with the disarmament of Japanese Army groups, but with interfering with the Indonesian people. He added that the colonial Powers had banded together to preserve Dutch colonial rule in Indonesia.

He charged also that the United States had "generously" helped the "Dutch aggressors" by supplying money and other necessities.

Sir Alexander Cadogan (United Kingdom) appealed to the Council to "make allowances" for the Soviet and Ukrainian delegations, who had been "surprised, annoyed and disappointed" at the success of the Hague conference, which had raised difficulties for their "stirring up more trouble."—United Press.

Radio Hongkong

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FOR YOUR SPARE MOMENTS

McKENNEY
ON BRIDGEExperts Don't Guess
It Right Every Time

BY WILLIAM E. McKENNEY

CHICAGO has two of the greatest rubber bridge players in the country, Arthur Galt and Albert Weiss. After playing today's hand in the recent knockout team-of-four match in Chicago, Weiss remarked that there would be more tournament players in the country if they realised that the experts do not always get into the correct contract.

Not many of us would have the nerve to redouble the three club contract as Weiss (East) did, holding only three clubs. I have an idea that he was hoping that his partner would take the hand back to either three spades or two hearts. However, it is the play of the hand that is most interesting. The opening lead of the three of diamonds was won in dummy with the ace. Now Weiss led a

♠ 8832	♥ J88	♦ KQ107	♣ 97
♠ KQJ9	♥ W N E	♦ A K 105	♣ 42
♠ None	♥ 5 Dealer	♦ J84	♣ J84
♠ A9852	♥ 3	♦ 5	♣ 3
♠ J83	♥ 1074	♦ Q973	♣ 3
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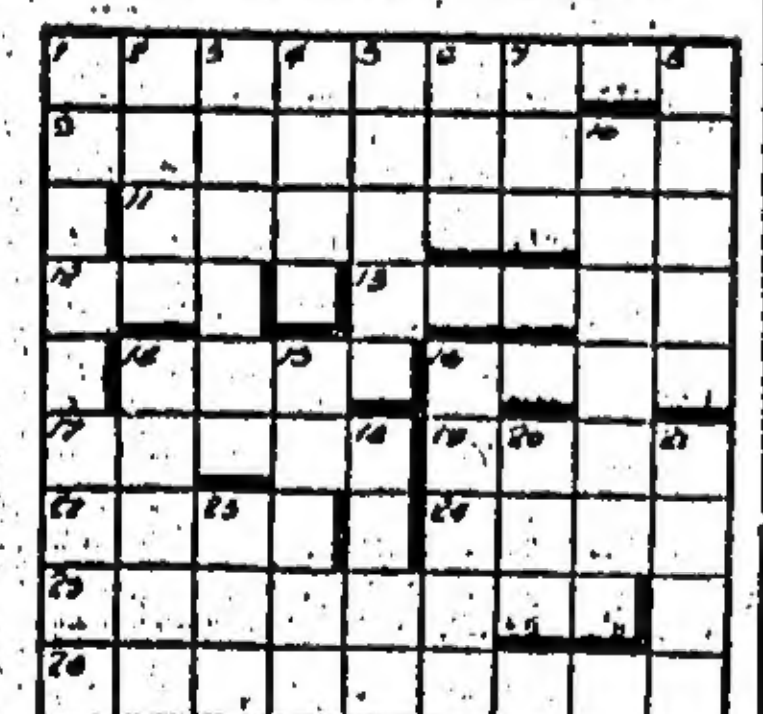
Tournament—E-W vul.
South West North East
Pass. Pass. Pass. Pass.
Pass. Pass. Pass. Pass.
Double Pass Pass Redouble
Opening—♠ 3 12

small spade to his ace and cashed the ace and king of hearts, discarding two diamonds from dummy. Then he ruffed a small heart with the three of clubs, and cashed dummy's king and queen of spades, discarding two diamonds from his own hand. A small diamond was led and ruffed by declarer with the eight of clubs. South over-ruffed with the ten, and led back a small club which Weiss won with the king. Then he played a heart, and there was nothing South could do that would prevent Weiss from making the jack of clubs and the ace of clubs. Thus he made four-odd on the hand and scored 1180 points.

Check Your
Knowledge

- Why did the previously unknown village of Lidice, in Czechoslovakia, spring into world fame?
 - Where is the Avenue 18th of July?
 - What state in the United States is nicknamed the "Coyote State"?
 - What is Hedonism?
 - From what did the martial called damask derive its name?
 - Name the first woman to become a member of a United States President's cabinet.
- (Answers in Column 2)

CROSSWORD



- Across
- Once started the family, (9)
 - That score must have come from this direction. (6-4)
 - This is the sacred river; it's not so full as it was in pre-war days. (10)
 - Handed without a limb. (3)
 - Beats the fourth letter. (3)
 - Borneo recall. (4)
 - One should prove a jewel. (4)
 - How included in those who sat and listened. (6)
 - As men go, he led. (4)
 - Precious in the way it is. (4)
 - A grapple with. (4)
 - A letter more would make the word. (4)
 - "Partwell" is a long farewell to all my. (10)
 - Down
 - Example of one. (3, 4)
 - Done into a knot. (4)
 - Balance on the line. (4)
 - To design in a stretcher. (4)
 - Depends on what to make. (4)
 - Depends. (3)
 - Food from the kitchen. (3)
 - What will may do. (4)
 - Food seems to be getting thinner. (4)
 - Where the U.S. was in formal. (4)
 - November was its quotation. (4)
 - Wants to get an amphibian. (4)
 - Slaps. (3)
 - State of a dining room. (4)

Solution of yesterday's puzzle: Across
1. Trip. 2. Motel. 3. Hotel. 4. Motel. 5. Motel. 6. Motel. 7. Motel. 8. Motel. 9. Motel. 10. Motel. 11. Motel. 12. Motel. 13. Motel. 14. Motel. 15. Motel. 16. Motel. 17. Motel. 18. Motel. 19. Motel. 20. Motel. 21. Motel. 22. Motel. 23. Motel. 24. Motel. 25. Motel. 26. Motel. 27. Motel. 28. Motel. 29. Motel. 30. Motel. 31. Motel. 32. Motel. 33. Motel. 34. Motel. 35. Motel. 36. Motel. 37. Motel. 38. Motel. 39. Motel. 40. Motel. 41. Motel. 42. Motel. 43. Motel. 44. Motel. 45. Motel. 46. Motel. 47. Motel. 48. Motel. 49. Motel. 50. Motel. 51. Motel. 52. Motel. 53. Motel. 54. Motel. 55. Motel. 56. Motel. 57. Motel. 58. Motel. 59. Motel. 60. Motel. 61. Motel. 62. Motel. 63. Motel. 64. Motel. 65. Motel. 66. Motel. 67. Motel. 68. Motel. 69. Motel. 70. Motel. 71. Motel. 72. Motel. 73. Motel. 74. Motel. 75. Motel. 76. Motel. 77. Motel. 78. Motel. 79. Motel. 80. Motel. 81. Motel. 82. Motel. 83. Motel. 84. Motel. 85. Motel. 86. Motel. 87. Motel. 88. Motel. 89. Motel. 90. Motel. 91. Motel. 92. Motel. 93. Motel. 94. Motel. 95. Motel. 96. Motel. 97. Motel. 98. Motel. 99. Motel. 100. Motel.

DUMB-BELLS

THERE SEEMS
TO BE
SOMETHING
WRONG WITH
YOUR
POUND CAKE,
DEAR!

CHECK YOUR KNOWLEDGE

- Because it was completely destroyed by the Germans on June 10, 1942. It is the main thoroughfare of Montevideo, Uruguay.
- The philistine theory which holds pleasure to be the supreme good.
- From the city of Damascus where the material was made originally.
- Frances Perkins, appointed Secretary of Labour in 1933 by President Franklin D. Roosevelt.

BOYS AND GIRLS MAGAZINE

Knarf Went Into the Garden

—He Wanted to See if the Morning Glories Slept—

By MAX TRELL

AS soon as it grew dark, Knarf the shadow-boy with the turned-about name, tiptoed across the playground. He was just starting out through the door when Teddy, the Stuffed Bear, said: "Where are you going, Knarf? And if you're going any place interesting, I'd like to go with you. I mean, if you don't mind taking me."

"I'm just going to walk across the garden," explained Knarf. "To make sure that all the morning glories are asleep."

"That sounds pretty interesting," said Teddy. "Is it all right if I go with you?"

Knarf said, of course it was all right. Then they both started to go out through the door. At that moment, Mary-Jane the Rag Doll said: "I'd like to go out, too."

"We're going to the back of the garden to see if the morning glories are asleep," said Knarf. "It should be very interesting."

Pick Moonbeams

"I'd like very much to see if they're asleep," said Mary-Jane. "And I'd like to pick some moonbeams. We can put them in a little bottle."

Knarf and Teddy both agreed that picking moonbeams was just as interesting as seeing if the morning glories were asleep. So they said Mary-Jane could come along.

This time all three of them started for the door. Then they heard General Tin the Tin Soldier saying: "I've been standing here since early this morning with my musket over my shoulder. I'd like to exercise my legs a bit. If you have no objection, I'll march along with you."

"We're going to do two interesting things," said Knarf. "We're going to the back of the garden to see if the morning glories are asleep. Then we're going to pick some moonbeams and put them in a bottle."

"Very good," said General Tin. "I'll also collect some star dust and keep it in a little silver box. The stars get dusty," he said, "and when the wind comes, it blows the dust on daisy petals and inside buttercups. It's very good to euro sneezes," he said.

Knarf and Teddy and Mary-Jane all could see that it would

Rupert and a Mare's Nest—26



Leaving the great palace by a small door, the sparrow leads him at once to a steep slope of broken rock and tells him to be as quiet as he can while he scrambles up. At the top the little bird sees a big pile of sticks perched on an isolated pinnacle of rock. "There you are," says the sparrow in a scared voice. "Now you've seen a Mare's Nest. I'm only, you can find your own way back." The bird disappears, but Rupert remains. "How can it be a Mare's Nest?" he thinks. "No horse could ever get up there!"

BRONCHO BILL

Setting a Trap

By Harry F. O'Neill



MIDWEEK BOOK PARADE

HE LIVED AMONG THE
CIVILISED TORAJAS

WHITE STRANGER

By Harry Wilcox

(Collins, 16s.)

Harry Wilcox served with the anti-aircraft gunners in the Battle of Britain and later served in Europe and then India. "Like millions of others," he writes, "I wanted to escape for a while from the postwar world and the twentieth century; unlike those others, I did escape." And this book is about his escape and the country that welcomed him.

He went to live among the Torajas, a highland tribe, little known to the rest of the world, in their little island a thousand miles east of Singapore and a thousand miles north of Australia.

With narrative anecdote and camera, the author has recorded his impressions of this very civilised (in the best sense) community. This is the first book to be written about it, and it demonstrates as other actual and fictitious

THE FOOL BELOVED

By Jeffery Farnol

(Sampson Low, 9/6)

The latest novel by this popular writer is in his usual style of historical fiction, and will delight all his millions of readers wherever in the world they are. The Duke of Colona—a small European state ruled over by the beautiful young Duchess Jenevra—is the scene for this story.

The brave Count Angelo is our hero, and the villain is Sebastian, who plans to get control of Colona. A murderous attack on Angelo is planned by Sebastian, but it misfires although the evil perpetrator thinks that Angelo is dead. Angelo enters the court disguised as a jester, and with his own resourcefulness and some of his friends' help, he manages to restore justice to Colona and woo the Duchess successfully. (Tomorrow—Recorded Mail)

CHess PROBLEM

By E. G. SCHULTZ

Black, 8 pieces.



White, 7 pieces.
White to play and mate in three.
Solution to yesterday's problem.
1. Kt-K15, any; 2. Q-R, or Kt-mates.

YOUR BIRTHDAY ... By STELLA

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 14

BORN today, you are one of the world's "free souls." You dislike being held to a conventional mould and want to plan your future and go your own way, unimpeded. Fortunately, your ideals are high and your innate love of all mankind makes it practically impossible for you to take advantage of others. You are a true humanitarian, and your upward climb toward success.

Clever, forceful and dramatic in your ability to present your plans to the world, you should make an early success. Whether or not you maintain it during your entire lifetime, is entirely up to you. Not particularly interested in business, you are merely for the sake of money-making, you are fond of the good things of life and plan to work hard enough to get what you want.

You always are ready to offer a helping hand to someone who has talent, but not the funds to develop it. You might make it a point to acquire wealth beyond the acquirement of your own needs, merely that you might sponsor others. You limit your assistance to those, however, who are willing, first, to help themselves.

Highly idealistic when it comes to marriage, you would rather not wed than take what you might consider a second choice.

To find what the stars have in store for tomorrow, select your birthday star and read merely for the corresponding paragraph. Let your birthday star be your daily guide.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 15

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 22)—Not your day, so keep a tight hold on everything. Guard your assets. Watch that budget!

CAPRICORN (Dec. 23-Jan. 20)—Your personal attitude toward minor setbacks can counteract adversity. Optimism pays. Look ahead.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21-Feb. 19)—This is an active day for you. Take full advantage of all opportunities offered.

PISCES (Feb. 20-Mar. 21)—Self-control will give you the willingness to act on an unexpected opportunity. Be ready!

ARIES (Mar. 22-Apr. 20)—Morning hours are progressive. Finish what was started yesterday. When afternoon comes, slow down a little.

TAURUS (Apr. 21-May 21)—Originally pays. Promote a new idea properly and you can see it carried through to a fine conclusion.

GEMINI (May 22-June 22)—A new job may open up for you now. The opportunity should be a good one. Take advantage of it at once.

CANCER (June 23-July 23)—Be guarded in everything you say. Impulsive action can injure your future prospects. Use self-control.

LEO (July 24-Aug. 23)—Best results are gained from adhering to routine. Expansion into new fields is inadvisable at present.

VIRGO (Aug. 24-Sept. 23)—Listen to all suggestions. Make use of the good ones and you will gain further progress.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)—Dark clouds have passed. Now you may begin to act constructively and work out your future destiny.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 23)—Initiative and personal energy pay excellent dividends. When afternoon comes, concentrate on social activities.

BY THE
WAY

by Beachcomber

A pamphlet, called "Citizens Growing Up," makes some exceedingly naïf suggestions. Discussing those whose work is uninteresting, the Ministry says: "Give orders persuasively." Not "Painswick!" Unscop that ravelling-iron! But, rather, "Painswick! old chap, I don't want to huff in, but I'm that ravelling-iron of yours scoping? What about unscoping it, eh? Good egg." Better still, employ lovely forewomen. "Mr Painswick, I may seem frightfully forward, but would you do me a favour? Could you, do you think, unscop that ravelling-iron a teeny-weeny bit—just to please me?" Then a flashing smile and Painswick doesn't care if it snows blood oranges. For two pins he'd unscop the whole infernal factory before you could say co-operation.

Animals in the air

SO many animals, from mice to giraffes, are being shifted by air these days, either for scientific purposes or to replace deaths in some Zoo or other, that the whole question of animal air transport will have to be "devised into" (see the Barnchild Report on Air-Borne Rhinoceroses). Air-hostesses are well-trained by now that they show no surprise when they see a camel being sloved aboard. It is a daily occurrence to hear the hostess say, "Would your wretched care for a cup of coffee?" or "Perhaps that sweet little hippopotamus would be interested to know that we are just passing over Cheltenham."

Bravo, Mason!

The most outstanding quality of the old type of family butler was his imperturbability.

(Weekly paper).

AS in the case of a well-known incident in Belgrave square. A gas-man called to a house and said to the butler, "I've called to have a look at your old geyser." "Her ladyship," replied the butler, "is not at home."

(London Express Service)

FOR THE BUSINESSMAN

Russia's
Output
Of Tin

London, Dec. 13.—The Metal Bulletin, in an extensive analysis of such data as exists, estimates that Russia's 1949 tin production will total about 10,000 tons, while current consumption is at the rate of about 15,000 tons.

The Bulletin suggested that the gap of 5,000 tons might have been partly bridged by 1,000 tons from China, 1,000 tons from other Far Eastern sources, including shipments of scrap, and 1,000 tons of scrap from Eastern Europe. Russia's pre-war consumption of tin was 15,000—United Press.

UK Economic
Experts For
StockholmAnglo-Scandinavian
Co-operation

London, Dec. 13.—British Foreign Office and Treasury experts will go to Stockholm tomorrow to begin talks in connection with the proposed Anglo-Scandinavian Economic Association.

The two groups will explore prospects for closer trade co-operation in line with suggestions made recently by the Marshall Plan Administrator, Mr Paul Hoffman.

The eventual aim is to form an organisation to be known as "Uniscan," along the lines of Benelux, which links Belgium, the Netherlands and Luxembourg economically.

The British experts said that they did not expect anything spectacular as a result of the talks, but were optimistic over the long range outlook for closer economic relations between Britain and Scandinavia.

Observers regarded as regarding factors the fact that there is not yet a single Scandinavian voice to allow Denmark, Sweden, and Norway to negotiate as a unit, and that complications exist in the non-convertibility of European and British currencies.

Diplomatic quarters here said that Britain does not intend to invite the Scandinavian countries into the sterling bloc. They also said that Britain has no desire to join a purely European union now, because to negotiate as a unit, and that complications exist in the non-convertibility of European and British currencies.

HONGKONG
SHARES

The turnover on the Stock Exchange this morning was \$175,972.60. Transactions and noon prices:

SHARES BUYERS SELLERS SALES

HK Bank ... 1810 1845 25 @ 122 1/2
East Asia ... 100

INSURANCES

Canton ... 305
Union ... 672 1/2 685 25 @ 67 1/2
HK Fire ... 215

DOCKS, ETC.

Y. Wharf ... 114 100 @ 115
Asia Nav ... 10,000 @ 1.10
Dock ... 5,500 @ 1.10
Hongkong ... 100 @ 1.10
600 @ 1.10

LAND, ETC.

HK Hotel ... 1220 1240 100 @ 1220
HK Land ... 35
Shal Land ... 20 2 1/2
Humphreys ... 100

UTILITIES

Tram ... 10 18.00 100 @ 10.30
C. Light (O) ... 100 @ 12.40
C. Light (N) ... 100 @ 12.40
C. Light (S) ... 100 @ 12.40
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Exchange Rates

Business was done in the local market at the following rates: Sterling pound note (per £) 100 @ 100.00
US dollar (per 100) 100 @ 100.00
NZ dollar (per 100) 100 @ 100.00
Siam dollar (per 100) 100 @ 100.00
Sri Lanka dollar (per 100) 100 @ 100.00
TFC sterling (per 100) 100 @ 100.00

Sharp Rise In
Price Of Gold
In Manila

Manila, Dec. 13.—The price of gold in Manila has risen sharply in the last three days, apparently because of the recently imposed exchange control, and according to financial sources Manila is now the most profitable gold bullion market in the world.

Today's prices ranged from \$54 to \$57 per ounce, an increase of between \$1.50 and \$3.50 from yesterday. Saturday's price was \$43.50.

Financial sources said that the fundamental cause of the rise was the impairment of confidence in the convertibility of the peso, pegged at two to the Dollar, as a result of the exchange control, which makes all dollar transactions subject to licensing.

They said that another factor responsible for the soaring price was the fact that the Central Bank of the Philippines, which controls exchange control, might take steps to discourage internal trading in gold, which up to now has been free.

Together with the gold rise there seems to have developed a black market in dollars, and there was heavy buying of industrial shares on the Manila Stock Market today. However, Government authorities dismissed all rumours of possible devaluation of the peso as "nonsense."

San Miguel Brewery shares met with heavy demand and rose by one peso to 27 1/2 pesos. Nearly 250,000 pesos' worth of San Miguel shares changed hands in less than an hour's trading.

The heavy demand for industrial shares was apparently inspired by the belief that the cash would be safer if turned into securities of corporations which stand to benefit from the import controls.

The quotation in the dollar black market was reported to be 2.22 pesos to the Dollar. The gold price today was said to be the highest in the world, but no actual sales were reported. Observers said that the gold market was likely to settle down if the Government showed no desire to interfere with the free market.—United Press.

U.S. Tests With
"Rubberised"

Road Surfaces

Washington, Dec. 13.—The Natural Rubber Bureau today reported that tests conducted over a six-month period by the Virginia State Highway Department showed that a small amount of natural rubber mixed with asphalt highway material has considerably improved the safety of roads.

The Bureau said that comparative tests on wet roads showed that a car travelling at 40 miles an hour could be brought to a stop in about 87 feet on a rubberised surface, while requiring about 101 feet to stop on a non-rubberised surface.

The process of "rubberising" the road consists of mixing dry natural rubber in very small particles with asphalt and crushed stone or gravel. The rubber amounts to less than one percent of the total materials used.—United Press.

NY FOREIGN
EXCHANGE

Closing rates Dec. 13

Canada (dollar) ... US\$ 60 1/2
England—official ... 2.50-7/16
England—unofficial ... 2.47 bid

30-day futures ... 2.50
90-day futures ... 2.50-1/16
Australia (pound) ... 2.50-1/16
New Zealand (pound) ... 2.50-1/16
South Africa (pound) ... 2.50-1/16
Belgium (franc) ... 220-1/2
Denmark (krone) ... 140
France (franc) ... 202-1/2
Holland (guilder) ... 2.50
Italy—official ... 1.015
Italy—unofficial ... 1.015
Norway (krone) ... 140
Portugal (escudo) ... 200
Sweden (pound) ... 140
Switzerland (franc) ... 230
Switzerland—free ... 230

MIDDLE EAST

Egypt (pound) ... 2.50
Iran (rial) ... 600
Iraq (dinar) ... 2.50
Turkey (lira) ... 2.50

LATIN AMERICA

Argentina (pound) ... 120
Brazil (cruzado) ... 100
Bolivia (boliviano) ... 100
Chile (peso) ... 100
Colombia (peso) ... 100
Cuba (peso) ... 100
Czechoslovakia (koruna) ... 100
Ecuador (pound) ... 100
El Salvador (pound) ... 100
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Honduras (pound) ... 100
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Puerto Rico (pound) ... 100
Uruguay (pound) ... 100
Venezuela (bolivar) ... 100

Far East

India (rupee) ... 100
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May Be Last Trip For Patty



Critically ill Patty Owens, aged four, is carried by her father, Robert Owens, (centre) from his car to the train in Oakland, California, which took her and her mother (right) and two brothers to Chicago where, doctors say, she may not live to see Christmas. Patty wears an oxygen mask while a technician (left) carries a tank of oxygen which the child must use almost constantly because of a lung disease. (AP Photo).

KOSTOV INSISTS ON HIS INNOCENCE AS TREASON TRIAL DRAWS TO CLOSE

Sofia, Dec. 13.—Traicho Kostov, former Bulgarian Vice-Premier, in his final statement to the court trying him on treason charges, repeated today that he was innocent.

There was commotion in the court as the second accused, the former Minister of Finance, Stephanov, burst into tears and denounced Kostov as a "traitor without the courage to admit his crimes even today."

The 11 accused were asked for their final statement after the defence had completed its case.

Defence attorneys spoke for five hours.

The date when sentences will be passed will be announced later.

Kostov told the court, in a brief statement delivered without any visible emotion, that he was not guilty of the charges of espionage and conspiracy, and that he had respect and esteem for the Soviet Union.

He made no attempt to refute any of the specific charges or challenge the testimony of his fellow accused, who repeated their accusation against him again today.

In fact, Kostov had at no time during the proceedings tried to challenge either the defendants or witnesses, although he had the right and opportunity to do so.

VOICE BROKE

After Kostov sat down the former Minister of Finance and Kostov's friend, Stephanov, rose and, visibly moved, told the court that he himself was guilty of the greatest crime against his people.

Then he sat, half turning to Kostov who sat on the bench beside him: "I am deeply shocked that the man who was the chief organizer of the entire conspiracy, the man who brought me into this court, did not find the courage to admit openly his guilt for the crime he committed."

"It seems that Traicho Kostov wants to remain a traitor to the last and prove himself a coward to the very end."

As he spoke his voice broke and he wiped his eyes with his hand as he sat down. He turned his back on Kostov.

Film cameras whirled as the accused rose one by one to make their final statements.

ASKED FOR CHANCE

Nikola Pavlov, the third accused and former Administrative Secretary of the Bulgarian Communist Party's Politbureau, charged Kostov with the chief responsibility.

Nikola Natchef Petrov, Kostov's right-hand man before their arrest, told the court that he was fully guilty and asked to be given a chance to "pay for my crime with the hardest labour."

Boris Kristov, who was Bulgaria's commercial representative in Moscow, told the court with great emotion: "After I cleanse myself from the stain of my crime, I will work sincerely for the good of my people and my country."

LAUGHTER IN COURT

Kristov earlier wept while his defence lawyer described him as a victim of blackmail and charged that Traicho Kostov had held his capitulation to the police during the war over his head as a club.

Ivan Gorenov, one-time millionaire industrialist, produced an outburst of laughter in court as he said that if his life was spared he would "be faithful to the Party, in the last moment of my life."

During the trial he had testified that as a big manufacturer he had been a "Communist in theory" until he found that

Socialism affected his own pocket.

He confessed that he had caused the state damage amounting to US\$45,000,000 through deliberate industrial sabotage.

All of the other accused also made statements admitting their guilt and asking for the court's mercy.—Reuter.

PEKING HAS WINTER RELIEF PLAN

San Francisco, Dec. 13.—Peking's needy people will not have to pass this winter hungry or cold, according to a broadcast from the Chinese Communist capital tonight.

It said that 550,000 cattles of millet and 10,000 cotton suits would be distributed to those in need, the distribution to be undertaken by the Winter Relief Committee.

This relief would be extended to refugees rendered homeless by summer floods to the unemployed and to poor people.

Widows and widowers who were employed would receive relief in the form of clothes and food as an incentive to greater individual efforts in industrial production, the Radio added.—Reuter.

RAIL TRAFFIC

San Francisco, Dec. 13.—All rail communications in Hunan Province were now in full operation, Peking Radio reported tonight.

It said that trains on the Hankow-Canton line now run to the Kwangtung border while those on the Changsha-Kweilin route run to the Kwangsi border.—Reuter.

CHUNGKING MAYOR

San Francisco, Dec. 13.—A Municipal People's Government has been established in Chungking, according to Peking Radio tonight.

The city's new Mayor and Vice-Mayor are Chen Hai-hien and Tsao Ti-chiu respectively, the Radio said.—Reuter.

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It seems too good to be true. They've played in the house all day and haven't broken a thing.

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Far East Commission Enters Final Phase Of Work On Japan

Washington, Dec. 13.—The Far Eastern Commission, under its new chairman, Mr Maxwell Hamilton, this week entered what its officials described as the "transition period" of winding up its role as the Allied policy-making body for Occupied Japan in preparation for a peace conference.

"Penniless" Displaced Nobleman

New York, Dec. 13.—A Hungarian nobleman, Count Laszlo Paul Esztorhazy, who once lived on an estate valued at US\$8 to \$10 million, arrived here today as, in his own words, a "penniless" displaced person.

The estate, which had been in his family for 400 years, had 2,000 houses, several castles and five textile mills. Five years ago the Germans took him away as a political prisoner. That same year—1944—his father, a former Minister to the United States, died.

After the war the Russians confiscated the estate. Today, the Count and his wife and their three-year-old daughter arrived with 1,200 other displaced persons on the Army transport, M. B. Stewart.

The Esztorhazys plan to go to Washington in a few days to meet the Count's stepmother, Countess Francisca Esztorhazy, who has been in America and Cuba for 15 years.—Reuter.

SCIENTISTS EXAMINE NIGERIA

Badan, Nigeria, Dec. 13.—Scientists from Britain, France, Spain, Portugal and West African countries have met here to exchange information on Nigerian physical, biological and human problems.

One subject is that data for a more accurate atlas should be made from all Colonial governments.

Maps produced in London are vague and often contain errors, geographers here believe.

Recent research on malaria, yellow fever and sleeping sickness, all of which affect West Africa, is also being explained to the scientists.

Fish is a vital food among many of Nigeria's inhabitants, and the scientists are to hear about Lagos fish-farming experiments aimed at bigger supplies.

When the scientists finish reading their papers they will go north to the heart of Nigeria to see agricultural research stations and stations for geological and archaeological studies.—Reuter.

WALI OF SWAT ABDICATES

Swat, Pakistan, Dec. 13.—The 67-year-old Wali of Swat, a tiny State on the borders of Kashmir, today abdicated in favour of his son, Prince Jahanzab.

In a colourful ceremony here, the Pakistan Prime Minister, Mr Liaquat Ali Khan, took the royal cap and a copy of the Koran from the Wali and handed them to the Prince, declaring him the new ruler.

The Wali said in a speech that his State formed part of Pakistan and his people, the Swatis, were prepared to stake their all in the defence and consolidation of Pakistan.—Reuter.

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Four major items remained formally on the Commission's agenda as it entered what officials described as the final phase of its work.

They were: 1. Japanese reparations; 2. Japanese levels of industry; 3. American labour policy in Japan; and 4. Participation of Japanese in international affairs.

The best informed official consensus of opinion was that the Commission probably would never take any positive action in connection with the first three of these questions. However, it would be able to reach some agreement on the policy for participation of Japanese in international conferences on a somewhat broader basis than at present.

Both the FEC Steering Committee and the Commission as a whole are considering this matter, discussing various suggestions advanced after the United States submitted its original resolution which would sanction the policy of permitting Japanese the greatest possible attendance at international meetings in which they have interest.

Russia, China and the Philippines have been most opposed to the American attitude in this matter. However, the Philippines is reported to have softened its position somewhat, and the Chinese are not as vocal on the subject in the FEC meeting as they once were.

The Soviet Union has moderated its objectives too, but has raised the argument that the United States would permit the Japanese to attend only meetings of international organisations which the Americans approved of ideologically.

The Soviet Charge d'Affaires, Mr Vladimir Bazykin, has asserted in a statement in the Commission that General MacArthur will not permit the Japanese to attend meetings of organisations such as the World Association of Trade Unions, which sometimes meets in countries behind the "Iron Curtain." The United States is expected to reply to this charge as soon as it receives the full views of General MacArthur.

However, Commission sources believe that there has been enough modification in the attitudes of all countries to offer a compromise in this matter.

There is considered to be little chance of an agreement on the levels of industry for Japan. This subject, which has been discussed in the four years of the FEC's existence, still has several nations unwilling to compete in levels as high as the United States wishes.

The United States, which bears the burden of supporting the deficits of the Japanese economy, will veto any policy

which would set lower industrial levels. Thus, unless the entire Commission accepts the American view the matter must die without positive action.—United Press.

New York Water-Saving Campaign

New York, Dec. 13.—The 8,000,000 residents of New York were asked to go without a bath next Friday and were requested not to shave on that day.

"Friday beard is a badge of honour," said Commissioner Stephen Carney in proclaiming a voluntary "water holiday" to dramatise the city's critical shortage and show how much water can be saved through earnest contribution. Also everyone will be asked to drink one glass less of water on that day.

The "no bath, no shave" request was part of the 24-hour "water holiday" which the Water Supply Department has asked New Yorkers to observe on Friday. The Department announced that the holiday would be a "test of the public" and that if this measure worked out well, more water saving restrictions would not have to be put into effect.

It was estimated that if everyone in the city refrained from one glass of water on Friday, that move alone would save half a million gallons.

The announcement came as the Water Department authorities received a report that the storage supply in reservoirs which feed the city had gone up during the last 24 hours for the first time since last June. With light, steady rains falling on watershed and warm temperatures melting snow, the total storage had increased since 8 a.m. on Monday by 1,028,000,000 gallons. The total supply now stands at 85,980,000,000 gallons, which is 33.8 percent of the capacity.—United Press.

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